



Trinity Newsletter - May 2024

## Headteacher's Update



The start of the summer term has brought sunshine and lots of exciting learning opportunities at school. Please read below for the updates from each phase about the exciting trips, plays and new 'Learning Means the World' topics. Please see a wonderful example opposite of some of the beautiful artwork produced in Year 5/6 inspired by Winston Churchill's artwork. Last week, our Year 6 pupils undertook their SATS. We were very proud of the dedication and commitment the children showed towards their assessments.

This term, we have continued to reflect on our school vision this term and I wanted to thank those parents who attended our recent workshop on Spirituality. During the session, we began to explore a shared understanding of what spirituality means for us at Trinity and reflected on the experiences we are offering our children. Further work will be done on this with staff and children next term. I also wanted to take this opportunity to highlight an upcoming workshop for all parents on 'Cyberbullying and Digital Safety' which is being held in the town hall on Tuesday, 25th June and tickets are free. Education Henley is running this event for all schools in Henley and I would strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Finally, we are delighted that over half term we will be having some children's outdoor gym rig equipment installed on both the upper and lower playgrounds. These have been fully funded by The Henley Educational Trust (HET) and Mrs Evans' efforts through the Team Super Schools Fundraising. These rigs are designed specifically for Primary School children to encourage and promote physical fitness, cognitive abilities, confidence, teamwork and communication skills. We are also really pleased that our outdoor playground play equipment has finally been repaired this week after a long wait for the new cargo net! There will be so many exciting things for the children to enjoy and explore in the playground in the sunny weather.

## Dates for your diary

### MAY

Friday 24th - Class photos and Yr 6 Leaver photos. Term ends at 3:15pm

### JUNE

Monday 3rd - Return to school

Saturday 8th - FOTS Summer Ball

14th and 15th - FOTS Cycle to Paris

18th & 19th - Yr 6 Pioneers to Gillotts

Tuesday 25th - Cyberbullying and Digital Safety Workshop at The Town Hall

Thursday 27th - Yr 6 Play performed to parents

### JULY

Thursday 11th - Sports Day

Friday 12th - Back up date for Sports Day

15th - 19th - Yr 6 Residential

Monday 22nd - Yr 6 Leavers assembly

Tuesday 23rd - End of term church service at 10:30am. Term ends at 1:15pm

Term dates for the next academic year have been published on the school website, along with a calendar of events and activities that is continually updated. Please visit

[www.trinityprimaryschool.org/parents](http://www.trinityprimaryschool.org/parents)

## Stars of this half term



We are delighted to share that the following children have been awarded 'Star of the Week' so far this half term:

**Bryon:** James, Felix, Barnaby, Isabelle and Oscar

**Jeffers:** Holly, Indiana, Isla, Sammy and Finn

**Murphy:** Erik, Charlotte E, Bodie, Annika and Arlo

**Rosen:** Lexie, Wiremu, Laura, Giorgio and Zak

**Dahl:** Esia, Oliver, Rose, Freddie and Eva

**Cowell:** Jamie, Bera, Grace and Natasha B

**Coehlo:** Jesse, Sid, Ella W and Fred

**Pilkey:** Amelia, Will T, Edward, Leonardo and Elik

**Palmer:** Poppy, Evie, Alex, Arthur and AJ

**Zephaniah:** Milo, Orson T, Hugo, Harry V and Emily

**Rundell:** Iris, Evie J, Eli, Ben and Izzy C

## Early Years (Reception)



Last week we completed our 'Learning Means The World' (LMTW) unit on Come fly with me, where we learnt about different countries. This week we have started our new LMTW unit on Under the Sea. We will be exploring all the animals that live under the sea, the children will be choosing an animal that lives under the sea and producing a fact file, giving exciting information. We were also very excited to visit Beale Park. The children had a wonderful day exploring the park, going on the train to see the animals and participating in a workshop in which they got to stroke a snake and learn all different kinds of animals. A wonderful day was had by us all. Over the next couple of week we will continue to work on animals that live under the sea and what they need in their environment.

## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



### Lookout Discovery Centre

This half term KS1 went on a trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre for a day of Science exploration and to deepen their knowledge and understanding about animal habitats. The children actively engaged in the investigation areas. A particular highlight of the day was the 'Bugs and Beasties' workshop where they learnt about a variety of bugs, including their characteristics and habitats. Following this the children went on a bug hunt in the outdoor area. The trip was a great success and an enjoyable day of learning was had by all. Miss Rolfe would like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers for their support during the trip.

When the children returned back to school the following day they wrote a recount of the school trip. Some examples from the children's writing were:

*"My favourite part was when my friend found a frog in their net because I have never seen a frog."*

*"My favourite part was bug hunting in the forest because I caught a ladybird."*

*"My favourite part was the workshop because we learnt new facts about bugs."*

### The Arctic

In recent weeks, we have started a new topic all about the Arctic Circle where the children will further develop their understanding of a different animal habitat and how animals survive in this part of the world. To launch this topic the children have shared previous experiences of travelling to a cold country. Following this they have explored how long ice takes to melt and how they can stop ice from melting, using a range of insulators. It has been wonderful to see the children so excited and engaged with this topic, they are looking forward to learning all about the animals, plants and people who live in the Arctic.

## Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)



This term, Years 3 and 4 have had an exciting and productive term filled with new learning experiences and memorable moments.

### **Learning Means the World**

In our LMTW sessions, we delved into the fascinating world of African wildlife. The children have been learning about various African animals, exploring the intricate food chains, and understanding the importance of predators and prey. Additionally, we studied the structure and function of teeth among different species, enhancing our knowledge of animal biology, and will look further into nutrition next.

### **Writing**

Our Writing lessons this term were inspired by the book *"The true story of the three little pigs"* by Jon Scieszka. The children showcased their creativity by writing their own fairytale stories with unique twists, offering fresh perspectives on classic tales. The writing process was thoroughly engaging, and the students demonstrated remarkable imagination and storytelling skills.

### **Maths**

Across the phase we've looked at units on decimals (Yr 4), time and statistics (Yr 3). The children enjoyed interactive lessons that included drawing pictograms, creating clocks, drawing with chalk on the playground and interpreting data. These activities have strengthened their understanding and application of mathematical concepts in everyday life.

### **PE**

Our PE sessions have been active and fun, with a focus on cricket and tennis. The children have been developing their skills in batting, bowling, and fielding, as well as honing their hand-eye coordination and agility through tennis drills. The enthusiasm and progress shown by all students have been commendable!

### **LKS2 Play: 'Time Lord'**

We are thrilled to announce that our LKS2 play, 'Time Lord,' was a phenomenal success! The children performed brilliantly, and their hard work and dedication paid off. Thank you to all the parents and

carers for your support, especially in helping the children learn their lines, buying/making costumes and preparing for the performance.

### Upcoming Trip

We are eagerly looking forward to our upcoming trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see some of the animals we've been learning about up close. We are seeking volunteers to assist on this trip, so if you're available, please let us know!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey. We look forward to another term of exploration, growth, and achievement.

## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

April and May have seen Year 5 and 6 enjoying lots of great lessons about Winston Churchill 'The British Bulldog' and more latterly, The Americas in our 'Come Fly with Me' Learning Means the World unit.

It was especially interesting to see how the children's' opinions of Winston Churchill changed and wavered as the unit went on – we learnt about his speeches, his war time decisions, his other achievements and how some people believe him to be a controversial figure in history. The children enjoyed a series of art lessons where we looked at some of the 500 or so paintings that Winston Churchill painted, and tried our best to replicate some of them!



By way of a reminder, we have asked the children to research and prepare a project on any aspect of American culture that they are interested in and bring it into school on Thursday 6th June, ready for our sharing session with parents on Friday 7th June at 2.45pm. Well done to those children who have already made a start ...



## **English**

Linked to the war theme, in English the Year 5 children have been looking at the story of Rose Blanche and using this as inspiration to write a newspaper report about a major event in that story, as well as other events and news of that time. Children are always fascinated by World War II related topics.

In Year 6 English we have been focusing very much on the end of year assessment objectives and so far have written about The Dreadful Menace and Pandora using a variety of literary devices to show off our descriptive and creative writing skills.

## **Maths**

In Year 5 we have been investigating perimeter and area of rectilinear and compound shapes, as well as looking at data and statistics including; timetables, graphs and tables. It's angles and 3D shapes next on the agenda. In Year 6 it's been all about SATs preparation and the feeling confident with the key skills and knowledge ready for Year 7!!

## **PE**

We have been enjoying developing our cricket skills this term with some excellent lessons from Performance Cricket – there are some big hitters in UKS2 for sure. We've also been honing our tennis performance just in time for the season.

Year 5 have enjoyed a series of swimming lessons at Henley Leisure Centre on Tuesday mornings this term – a huge thanks to our parent helpers for supporting this. The children have been an absolute joy to take and have received lots of positive feedback from the swimming teachers. Year 6 will start their lessons after half-term, so please look out for the consent and information email coming your way soon! Please let me know if you can help.

Finally, we must mention how proud we are of all the Year 6 children who coped admirably with the SATs last week. Overall, we felt that the tests were challenging but fair.

As the Summer term progresses, we have much to look forward to in both Year 5 and Year 6 – we will be in touch with key dates and details in the very near future.

## **Sports**

### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday 24th April, EYFS (Reception) and KS1 (Yrs 1&2) children gathered together at Trinity, along with children from Sacred Heart to complete several laps of the cross country track. All children did brilliantly and medals were awarded to those who won overall, or who showed great perseverance. EYFS ran twice around the track with Yr2 helpers Alice and Wilbur as the hare and the tortoise, Yr1 followed Oliver and were supported by Yr2 Charlotte and they ran three times around the track. Yr2 were asked to challenge themselves to five laps of the course. All children were given the choice to opt out after one lap, but many continued to push themselves and they completed the event with smiles on their face. Very well done to everyone who participated, and who worked to the best of their ability.



## The Great School Run

Very well done to everyone who participated in The Great School Run at Stonor Park on Sunday 21st April. Many children were talking about the event on Monday, and several wore medals to our assembly. It's wonderful to see so many children participating in weekend events.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on *Thursday 11th July*, weather permitting. If we have to postpone, then the back up date is Friday 12th July.

Timings for the day are as follows:

**EYFS (Reception) and KS1 (Yrs 1&2) - 9:15 - 11:15am**

**KS2 (Yrs 3-6): 1:00 - 3:00pm**

## Football

A team of girls played their first ever Football Tournament in Marlow on Saturday and what a great day it was. The girls played brilliantly and were a real credit to Trinity for their teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done girls.





## Charity

### Trinity Talent Show

This term the children at Trinity have been showcasing their amazing talents in the 'Trinity Talent Show!' We've had numerous children sign up and we have been blown away with what they have performed; from drumming and dancing to singing and magic. It has been a joy to watch the children take to the stage and perform to the rest of the school and we still have many more acts to go! So far we have managed to raise over £362.20 for the New Brainstorm School (NBS) in Uganda, which is an amazing achievement!

### Pen Pal Club

Pupils have also sent over their first letters to the children at NBS and are patiently awaiting the replies. The New Brainstorm School have sent some videos from the children, showing us what games they like to play and some dances they enjoy. The children who are part of Pen Pal Club have loved building these bonds and are excited to continue to get to know, and learn from and about the children in Uganda.



## FOTS

### Summer Ball

The much-anticipated FOTS Summer Ball is only 3 weeks away, yay! Tickets will only be on sale for one more week so don't delay, buy your tickets now: [Click here](#)

There is lots of work going on to make sure that this will be a fabulous evening, so if you're on the fence, say yes!! Your £65 ticket includes a welcome drink and a 3-course meal followed by dancing into the night. There will be some fabulous prizes up for grabs at both the silent and live auctions that you won't want to miss.

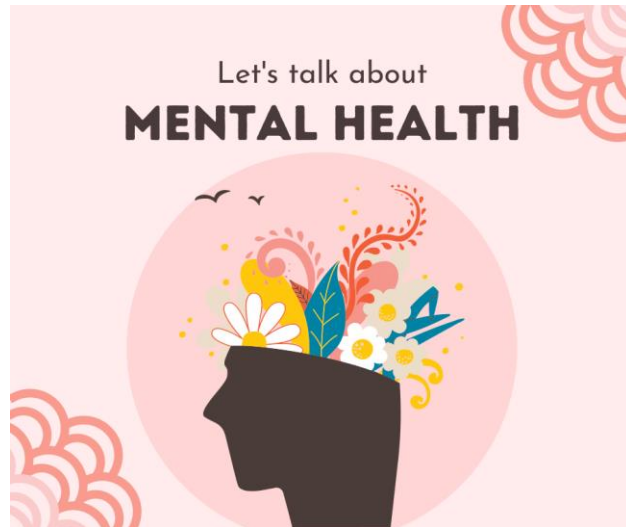
If you're concerned that you don't have a table, please don't worry, just buy your tickets and we'll sort the rest! Don't forget ticket sales will close on Friday 24th May. We look forward to partying with you on Saturday 8th June.



## Mental health and Wellbeing

### Mental Health

At Trinity we promote mental health and well being, encouraging the children to be mentally healthy and ready to learn. We provide tailored support to children to ensure they have the best chance at reaching their full potential. Encouraging and guiding your child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. May has been Mental Health Awareness Month. The focus of mental health awareness week (13-19 May) reiterated one of the most important things we can do to help protect our mental health is regular movement. Our bodies and our minds are connected, so looking after ourselves physically also helps us prevent problems with our mental health. [Click here](#) for more details.



The Every Mind Matters website provides information about how to support children and young people with mental health difficulties, signs to look out for when a child is struggling with their mental health and ways to get support. To find out how you can help your child to have good mental health, including knowing how to talk to your child about their mental health, and when to spot signs they might be struggling, please [click here](#).

## Cyberbullying and Digital Safety Workshop

Education Henley will be holding a Cyberbullying and Digital Safety Evening for the parents of children in Henley Schools and Colleges at the **Town Hall** from **7:00 - 8:30pm** on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** . Kidscape, one of the leading digital safety charities, will be delivering the event, which has been kindly sponsored by The Py Foundation.

The event will be free, but tickets are limited. Tickets will be available from 20th May, via this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

As you may be aware, Education Henley was established two years ago to enhance the provision for and collaboration between the schools and colleges in our town. Collectively, the schools recognise that digital (internet) safety and cyberbullying is an area that present challenges for most parents in this technological world.

The aim of the event is for parents to learn about how to keep our children safe online. Expert speakers will discuss the dangers of cyberbullying and provide tips on how to protect our families in the digital world.

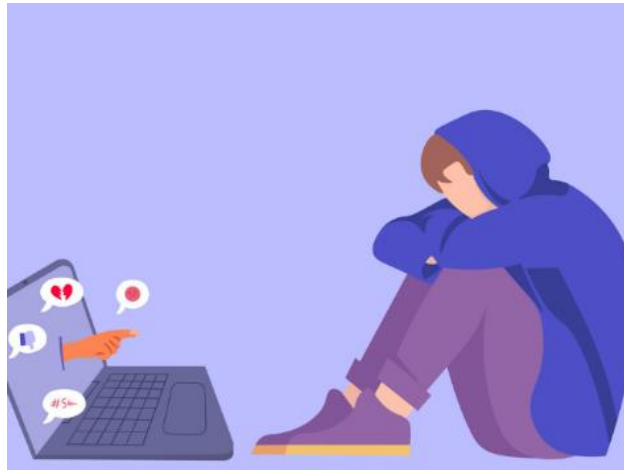
### **What are the benefits of attending?**

- Feel more confident keeping your child safe online
- Get practical support and advice from an award-winning charity
- Learn the benefits and risks of the online world

## What will I learn?

- How young people use the internet and technology
- The potential risks young people face online: Harmful content, Fake news & misinformation, Radicalisation, Grooming & coercive control, Cyberbullying, Sexting, Gaming, Live streaming, Managing screen time Parent controls, Privacy settings & making things safer at home.

Don't miss out on this important opportunity to ensure your child's online safety!



## Henley's Great Big Green Week

On Saturday 8th June GBGW's first ever **Nature Discovery Day** will take place on Mill and Marsh Meadows with some fantastic activities organised to help us get to know our nature neighbours. Not only will there be guided wildflower walks, butterfly sweeps, pond dipping, tree trails and bug hunts but also real experts on tap to tell you what you have found. It's a free event from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Each year Greener Henley organises an **Environmental Science Challenge for Schools** and this year the subject was Pollution, which are on display at the River & Rowing Museum.

Do you like **poetry**? If you'd like to try your hand at writing a poem for Great Big Green Week the theme this year is 'Tread Lightly on the Earth'. It can be any format but no longer than 19 lines. There will be 3 categories – children under 12, teens 13 – 20 and adults over 20. So tell your grannies too! The closing date for submissions is 31st May and they can be submitted by post to Sue Turner at Candela, 19 Reading Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 1AB or by email to [ruskinbooks@gmail.com](mailto:ruskinbooks@gmail.com). Please include your name, age and contact details with your entry. There are great book token prizes for each category. A Poetry Reading will showcase the winning entries at Henley Library on Tuesday 11th June at 6 p.m.

All week there will be a **Window Walkabout – Nature Edition** to provide entertainment for all the family. Hidden in 10 of our local shop windows you will find a hand crafted native flower with a letter of the alphabet. Write down all ten letters on the entry form which can be obtained at the Town Hall Information Centre or from the shops taking part. Puzzle out the ten letter word and return your entry form to the Information Centre. The first correct entry pulled out the hat after Great Big Green Week will win a prize.

The details for these and all the other events happening during Henley's Great Big Green Week can be found by [clicking here](#).

